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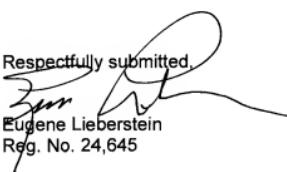
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This is in response to the Office Communication dated August 4, 2000.

Applicant conducted a telephone conference with the Examiner on August 18, 2009, regarding this office communication. The Examiner indicated that the changes to the specification on page 1 will not be entered because the issue fee has already been paid but the submission of the Sequence Listing has indeed been entered, since this was in response to the July 10, 2009 Office Action.

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